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Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Subjection

- 1. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A method of screening for a premalignant or neoplastic disease state in a cervical smear sample containing cells of the cervix, the method comprising contacting said sample with a panel of two or more monoclonal antibodies having different specificities and raised against antigens present on normal cervical tissue, determining binding of said monoclonal antibodies to said sample and comparing the binding with a pattern of binding of said monoclonal antibodies to a normal cervical cell sample, wherein said monoclonal antibodies detect cellular markers which differ between normal and premalignant or neoplastic cells.
- 4. (FOUR TIMES AMENDED) A method according to Claim 1 wherein the monoclonal antibodies comprise one or more substances able to bind an antigen which can be bound by one or more antibodies obtained from a hybridoma selected from those deposited at the European Collection of Animal Cell Cultures (ECACC), under the accession numbers ECACC 95020718, ECACC 95020716, ECACC 95020720, ECACC 95020717 and ECACC 95020719.
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- 8. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A specific monoclonal antibody able to bind to an antigen of cervical tissue to which a monoclonal antibody according to Claim 7 is able to bind.